



# WATCHUNG BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SUPERINTENDENT

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BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

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DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES

## Extract of Meeting Minutes

**Date of Meeting:** September 22, 2022

**Call to Order:** 7:02 PM

### ROLL CALL

#### *Board Members*

**Present:** Mr. Barbella (arrived at 7:16 PM), Mr. Buccarelli, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. Ingrassia, Mr. McDonald, Mrs. Murad, Mrs. Sadhvani (arrived at 7:58 PM), Mrs. Scharf

#### *District Administrators*

**Present:** George Alexis – Superintendent, Richard Pepe – Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Karin Kidd – Valley View School Principal, Denise Fichner – Bayberry School Principal

#### *Other*

**Present:** Aaron Leonovich – District Technology Specialist, Kerri Wright – Board Attorney, and 35 members of the public

### RESOLUTION

#### **C. OPERATIONS/FINANCE**

##### **C4. Authorize Actions in Connection with Proposed School Facilities Projects**

**RESOLVED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education authorizes certain actions in connection with the proposed school facilities projects:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of the Borough of Watchung in the County of Somerset, New Jersey (the "Board" when referring to the governing body and the "School District" when referring to the territorial boundaries governed thereby), seeks to submit to the voters various school facilities projects throughout the school district facilities (collectively, the "Projects");

WHEREAS, the School District will seek Debt Service Aid with respect to the Projects;  
and

WHEREAS, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the planning and authorization of: (i) the Projects; and (ii) a School District special election at which time a bond referendum authorizing the Projects shall be presented to the voters of the School District.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-5.1 through 6A:26-5.3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby authorizes and/or ratifies the preparation of Schematic Plans and Educational Specifications, if required, by DRG Architects ("DRG") in connection with the Projects and the Board further authorizes and/or ratifies and directs DRG to submit same to the New Jersey Department of Education and to the Somerset County Superintendent of Schools for review and approval. The Board further authorizes and directs the submission of the Schematic Plans to the planning board for its review, to the extent required by law.

Section 2. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-2.3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby ratifies any amendments to the Long Range Facilities Plan, as necessary, to reflect the Projects and approves the submission of any such amendments to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Section 3. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3.2 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby ratifies the submission of the Project Applications and its decision seeking debt service aid for the Projects.

Section 4. With respect to the Projects, the Board hereby authorizes/ratifies and directs the Board President, the Superintendent and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as applicable, to execute the schematic plans and educational specifications, the amendment(s) to the Long Range Facilities Plan, the Project cost estimate sheets and all related project documents allowing submission of same to the New Jersey Department of Education.

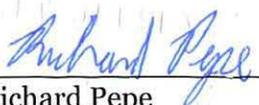
Section 5. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the Board President, the Superintendent, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, DRG, and Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., as Bond Counsel, as applicable, to take all action required to preserve the opportunity to present the Projects to the voters via a bond referendum at School District special election to be held on December 13, 2022 or such other date as may be available and selected by the Board.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

*Mr. Buccarelli moved Operations/Finance items C1-C11. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barbella and carried ON A ROLL CALL VOTE as follows:*

*Item C4: 7 ayes, 1 nay, 0 abstentions, and 0 absences*

The forgoing information is a true copy of the official records of the Watchung Borough Board of Education, having been extracted from and compared with the contents of the original minutes by me.

  
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Richard Pepe  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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